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# THE ELF OLYMPICS



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### CAST

### MEDIA TEAM

Camera man, Sound engineer, Reporter, Runner, Producer, Director

PRESENTER – Holly

PRESENTER – Ivy

*(The Presenters have a lot to read, so they need to be good, fluent readers. They can read off clip boards, or the actors can be changed halfway through, or the lines can be split over a couple of other children to create more Presenters)*

JUDGES – Frosty, Grinch, Nutcracker, Rudolph

VIPs – Mrs Claus, Santa Claus, Head Teacher

SECURITY TEAM – Bill and Ben

REINDEER (8)

ELVES for Snowball race (5 teams of 2)

ELVES for Reindeer race (5 Elves total)

ELVES for Santa Sack Race (5 teams of 2)

ELVES for Nutcracker dance (5 teams of 2)

ELVES for Present Relay Race (2 teams of 5)

*Approximate running time is 45 minutes*

*Number of participants – at least 35 (if you use the same 10 Elves for all the races.*

*If you want to use some more then choose a number! You could also split the Presenters' roles up to more people if desired.)*

## INFORMATION ON HOW IT ALL WORKS

The way this play is written, it is dependent upon there being a route from the stage through the audience (an aisle or gangway in the middle or either side of the audience) out of the hall and back again.

The Elves are competing in 4 teams of 2, or 2 teams of 4, or 4 teams of 1. It has been written this way to make allowances for there not being much room on the stage. If you have a large stage and the desire to use more participants, then you can easily add to the size of the teams.

The play asks you to insert the names or numbers of the teams throughout as your school may have house/hall names that you wish to use, or you may wish to use Christmas names – like Bauble, Tree, Fairy, Tinsel, for example.

The number of races and Judges can also be amended.

### Events/Races:

#### Snowball Shot Put

The competitors line up facing the audience and throw their cotton wool snowballs as far as they can out into the audience. Note: You will need some sort of marking on the balls and you will need referees in the aisle to measure the distance the balls have travelled.

#### Christmas Present Relay

We would suggest that half the team are on stage (2) and the other half (2) are at the end of the hall. So, the team members run up and down the aisle, handing the present over 3 times until the last members put their presents under the tree.

#### Reindeer Sleigh Pull

ELVES come out, and each stand with a team of two REINDEER. The ELVES attach tinsel to each team, as reins. The REINDEER have sleigh bells in their hands. Other ELVES come on to the stage with cones and lay them out in a pattern on the stage, so that each team of REINDEER and driver have to go in and out of

the cones, then up the aisle in the hall and back again. RUDOLPH stands with a stopwatch and 'times' each team. The music starts playing "Sleigh Ride" and the teams (and ELVES) trot to the rhythm of the music. As each team finishes, the next one starts. (If necessary, play a second piece of music – another sleigh ride piece - Lieutenant Kije Troika (sleigh ride)).

#### Chestnut and Wooden Spoon Race

Music of the Nutcracker plays. (The Sugar Plum Fairy) Competitors perform a basic ballet/movement dance, with nuts on spoons. Suggest they do a sort of trot in time to the music. Perhaps round in a large circle. As they drop the nuts, they just pop them back on and carry on. At the end of the dance, each competitor performs a balletic jump, so that all nuts fall off. Then they all put them back on, and dance to the same side of the stage. They then all move across to the other side of the stage to the finish line (security team can hold out a long ribbon). Race ends.

#### Santa's Sack Race

'Step into Christmas' plays and everyone on stage sings and claps with the word 'Step' changed to 'Jump'. Meanwhile the ELVES in the sacks jump around in a big circle on the stage. At the end of the dance, all ELVES stand in a line facing the audience, and one ELF jumps forward. Everyone cheers.

## MUSIC

The music suggested here is a mixture of songs to be sung by the cast and original recordings to be played whilst noisy 'events' are happening. (You may get excited children in the audience yelling and shouting, so you might as well have background music to the 'events', rather than the cast trying to sing over the noise.)

We have put links to the necessary downloads:

1/ SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN (Sung by the cast on stage)

Backing track only: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2d-Xd9ImY1o>

Video for rehearsal purposes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HWv72L4wgCc>

2/ DECK THE HALLS (instrumental version for Opening Ceremony)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LoPEMthR6pk>

3/ FROSTY THE SNOWMAN (Suggest play while Snowball Shot Put is taking place. We have chosen the Ronettes version because it is loud.)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=76sh1BWCQSc>

4/ TRIM UP THE TREE (Play whilst Christmas Present relay is on)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1-5SevCO1cs>

5/ RUDOLPH THE RED NOSED REINDEER (Cast onstage sing)

Backing track only: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7\\_1-9yTwQFc&list=RD7\\_1-9yTwQFc&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7_1-9yTwQFc&list=RD7_1-9yTwQFc&start_radio=1)

Video for rehearsal purposes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hega-GxyW6o>

6/ SLEIGH RIDE (Play whilst Reindeer Sleigh Race is on. Ronettes version again. If you need longer, suggest you just repeat it.)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y6rDA2Czz0E>

7/ THE SUGAR PLUM FAIRY (Instrumental to be played for Chestnut and Wooden Spoon dance. Note: This is such a fun video!)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QdoTdG\\_VNV4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QdoTdG_VNV4)

8/ STEP INTO CHRISTMAS (To be played whilst Santa's Sack Race is happening, but it is also for the cast/audience to clap and sing along to)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QdoTdG\\_VNV4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QdoTdG_VNV4)

9/ SNOW IS FALLING (MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE) (Closing song – suggest everyone sings along and claps to this!)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T3f5D9eAAPA>

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### SCENE 1: THE MEDIA

*Enter onto the stage, the full MEDIA team. Other members of the Cast can bring on tables, chairs etc. All sing the opening song.*

#### SONG: SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

You better watch out

You better not cry

You better not pout

I'm telling you why

Santa Claus is comin' to town

Santa Claus is comin' to town

Santa Claus is comin' to town

He's making a list

He's checking it twice

He's gonna find out

Who's naughty or nice

Santa Claus is comin' to town

Santa Claus is comin' to town

Santa Claus is comin' to town

He sees you when you're sleeping

He knows when you're awake

He knows if you've been bad or good

So be good for goodness sake

So you better watch out

You better not cry

You better not pout  
I'm telling you why  
Santa Claus is comin' to town  
Santa Claus is comin' to town  
Santa Claus is comin' to town

The kids in girl and boyland  
Will have a jubilee  
They're gonna build a toyland  
All around the Christmas tree

So you better watch out  
You better not cry  
You better not pout  
I'm telling you why  
Santa Claus (is comin' to town)  
Santa Claus (is comin' to town)  
Santa Claus is comin'  
Santa Claus is comin'  
Santa Claus is comin'  
To town

*(Song ends and takes applause.)*

REPORTER

I can't believe it's that time of year again

CAMERA MAN

Yes, the Elf Olympics, I love filming these events.



RUNNER

And Santa Claus is one of the special guests this year! He really is coming to town!

Can't believe he has time to squeeze all these events in, its Christmas next week!

He is a very busy man indeed.

SOUND ENGINEER

I can't believe that we are covering it all on live TV. Hope all the microphones work.

RUNNER

Argh, live TV! So many things can go wrong!

PRODUCER

Don't worry, our favourite runner. I know it's only your first day as a runner on set, but its fine. I've been producing sports programmes for years, and it's always been fine!

DIRECTOR

I've been directing for years so, as a team, I sure we have nothing to worry about.

PRODUCER

Five minutes till we are live, folks. Are we ready?

SOUND ENGINEER

Ready with the boom mic.

CAMERA MAN

Ready with the camera.

REPORTER

Ready with the interview questions.

RUNNER

Ready to...eerrr....ready to...er...run?

*(Everyone looks at the RUNNER wondering what he has said)*

RUNNER

Yes. I'm ready.

DIRECTOR

Positions everyone.

*(Everyone runs to position. At the side/front stage. PRODUCER, DIRECTOR, RUNNER to one side. REPORTER facing CAMERA MAN and SOUND ENGINEER.)*

DIRECTOR

Going live in 5...4...3...2...1.

REPORTER

Welcome everyone! We are live at *(insert name of school)* at the Annual Elf Olympics. Your Presenters this year are Holly and Ivy, who I believe will lead us through proceedings. Sit back and relax, and.... ooh actually, I can hear the parade starting now...

*(MEDIA TEAM leave the stage or go to the back of the stage and mime filming some of the action)*

The Opening Ceremony

*Grand Christmassy music playing (DECK THE HALLS)*

*All ELVES enter down the centre aisle onto the stage, as a procession.*

*ELVES are split into 'teams'. Each team to wear a different coloured elf hat or coloured sash to keep them easily recognisable. Each team to have a flag which is carried at the front of their team. ELVES process and organise themselves onto the stage facing the audience. If too many children, limit each team to the flag bearer and a few others, or have children standing in the aisles or at side of the stage.*

*When the flag bearers walk up to the stage, they place their flags in the 'flag area'.  
(SEE PRODUCTION NOTES)*

*When all the procession is finished and applause taken. The two PRESENTERS enter the stage to the music of The Holly and the Ivy.*

HOLLY

Welcome ladies, gentlemen, elves and elf folk to the Elf Olympics of *(insert current year)*. We are your Presenters this evening. I am Holly...

IVY

And I am Ivy.

HOLLY

It's the week before Christmas and we are both so excited. The Elves have taken a well-earned break from Christmas present making and wrapping duties. We expect the Elf Olympics this year to be even better than last year, with many new events, and a panel of very distinguished judges. Let us welcome the judges to the stage now.

*(JUDGES enter onto the stage, and stand with the PRESENTERS)*

IVY

Our judges this year are...

*(each time a name is called, the JUDGE waves to the audience and the ELVES cheer)*

Frosty – our local infamous Snowman!

HOLLY

Rudolph! With his legendary nose!

IVY

Mr Grinch! Santa Claus's new number one fan!

HOLLY

And finally, Nutcracker – a distinguished guest from a very festive ballet!

*(JUDGES walk over to the judging table and chairs, set at the side of the stage, facing out to the audience.)*

HOLLY

Each judge has planned their own Elf Olympics event this year. We cannot wait to find out all about them.

IVY

Lets also welcome our distinguished guests. (Mr/ Mrs) Head teacher (*replace throughout with the name of the school's head teacher*), and Santa and Mrs Claus.

*(Mr/Mrs HEAD TEACHER, SANTA CLAUS and MRS CLAUS enter to applause. SANTA is carrying his sack full of presents and MRS SANTA has a few sacks over her arm.)*

HOLLY

Mr/Mrs Head Teacher has joined us as a special guest, given this year's event is coming live from his/her school. Thank you so much Mr/Mrs Head Teacher.

MR/MRS HEADTEACHER

You are most welcome; it is a pleasure to welcome you all here to (*name of school*).

IVY

Santa Claus, I believe you have a very special prize for the winning team this year?

SANTA CLAUS

Indeed I do. The winning team this year will be asked to be the chief tasters for Mrs Claus' Christmas Cake! She has a new recipe you see.

*(Everyone gasps)*

MRS CLAUS

That's right, I am going to develop a new recipe for Christmas cake and the winning team will help taste and develop the new recipe!

IVY

What a prize! So, as well as Elf Olympic Cup, the winning Elves will be involved in testing the new Christmas Cake recipe! Thank you so much. Please do all take your seats next to our esteemed judges.

*(MR/MRS HEADTEACHER, SANTA and MRS CLAUS walk over to join the JUDGES. Take their seats.)*

HOLLY

It's now time to bring into the arena the Elf Olympic Cup. Can our security team bring this in now?